



GARDEN GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2012

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING MEETING: February 21, 2012, 6:30pm, Torner Center at Deming Park. Educational speaker will be Olivia Golding on “Dry Canning”.

**NOTICE: Education and volunteer hours and \$15 assessment are now past due. A new roster is in the process of being updated and if your hours and assessment are not turned in you will not be on the roster. Send hours to Cyd Hunter and assessment to John Hilderbrand.**

The January WVMGA Planning and Scheduling session was held January 17 at the Torner Center in Deming Park. Education presenter was Katarina Yackley, Purdue Extension Food Service Educator speaking on “Nutrition from the Garden”. Introduction of speaker at 6:35 by Sam Ligget, Vice President/Program Chairman. Education Program time:  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour.

Volunteer time: 1 hour.

Minutes of Planning Session: Call to order at 7:15 by President Larry Agee.

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**President:** Larry Agee: The Board of Directors recommends a change in the meeting night for the Board to the first Thursday of the month and a change in the Planning Session meetings to the third Tuesday of each month. The membership was in agreement of this recommendation.

**Vice-President:** Sam Ligget: February EDU will be Olivia Golding on Dry Canning. Reference was made to an article written on this subject by member Jane Santucci. It was published in the Tribune Star on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Environmental

stories, tips, may be shared at [janesantucci@yourgreenvalley.com](mailto:janesantucci@yourgreenvalley.com) March program will (tentatively) be Edie Dyer Wilson on subject of Butterflies. April program will (tentatively) be John Muenchner.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Hutton: Updated email address for Sam Ligget (Samuel.Ligget@frontier.com ). Members should edit their own address book and copy of the membership roster. Members who did not receive a copy of the Gazette: Barbara Brugnaux. Committee sign-up sheet was passed through attendees. It will appear on the website for member's consideration when working toward accumulating hours ..... and making new friends.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin: In attendance .... Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand: Gone fishin'.....In his absence, membership dues were collected by President, Larry Agee. A gift of \$115 for the Giving Garden was received from Jane Morse and Friends.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter: The association's accumulated volunteer hours for 2011 was 3,812 and 15 minutes. Hourly worksheets for 2012 may be found on website and Cyd also distributed hard copies to those in attendance.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Phil Small: Organizational meeting for 2012 will be at the Floriculture Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, January 24 at 10:00am. Aaron Warner is working on the sign at the garden, possibly constructing a new one. Ivy Tech will be included as a sponsor of the garden. 4-H Jr. Leaders will take a more active part in the garden this year. Committee representatives are meeting with them on Feb. 6. Seed packets that were donated to the garden are at the disposal of Earth Day committees. Work evenings will be established this year to accommodate the working class members. Over 1,000 volunteer hours were recorded in the Giving Garden in 2011. In preparing an application for a grant, the Extension Office needs to have a report of hours. Members who help during 2012 in the garden should be prepared to make a separate tally of those hours available to Phil Small and Bob Archer, co-chairs. The irrigation system plan is still in committee.

Spring Seminar: Teri Boland: Fliers for the March 10 Spring Seminar at St. Mary of the Woods are being printed. Samples were shown to the membership and they are also available online. Additionally they have been sent via email

attachment. Door prizes will be fewer in boutique-type items, with a plan for an increase in gardening gift certificates from greenhouses. Vendor booth space is 10 x 10 for \$20, which includes one person's breakfast and lunch. Additional persons in booth will cost \$10 each for the breakfast and lunch. Should a vendor require more space, each additional booth space would be \$15. No door prizes will be required of the vendors this year. Paula Wilson is working with vendors. She requests members actively refer potential vendors. Presenters are in place and listed by Carol Swearingen as they appear in the Seminar flyer.

Christmas in the Park: Pat Secret: **FIRST PLACE AWARD** for the WVMGA shelter. Beth Keyes had presented the \$2000 prize at the January Board of Directors meeting. The train ride and hot cocoa sales netted \$285. **MERRY CHRISTMAS, MASTER GARDENERS! GOOD JOB COMMITTEE!**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Cyd Hunter, Service coordinator, made the following presentations for earned levels of service: Kate Michaw, Certification as Master Gardener; Marlene Bilyou, Certified Master Gardener; Tim Moore, Advanced Master Gardener; Marsha Haverty, Advanced Master Gardener; Teri Boland, SP, Advanced Master Gardener; John Shoemaker, Silver Level Advanced Master gardener.

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND APPLAUSE !!!!!

Larry Agee reported the Valley viewer will feature the giving Garden on June 3. A noon time slot for WTHI TV has been reserved for the Giving Garden on Feb. 22. The Spring Seminar committee will designate a spokesperson for this feature. The proposed Budget for 2012 was discussed and approved by the membership. Printed copies were distributed to members present.

The Board recommended our Association offer a scholarship of \$75 or (2) at \$37.50 for the Spring Intern Class. A motion was voted upon and approved as recommended. The Class begins Feb. 8 and concludes May 9, 9AM to noon at Ivy Tech Workforce Development Building, south of the Main Campus.

A Purdue Science Workshop for High School students provides an opportunity to sponsor two students from our area to West Lafayette Campus on June 8 – 10. The workshop is on Plants, Insects and Natural Resources and Environment. The Extension Office is sponsoring ½ of the total cost of \$170 per student. A motion was made and carried to approve the other ½ of the tuition for two students from

the association treasury at a total cost of \$170. (This includes registration, housing and most meals). The Board recommended the recipients be open to sharing their experience during a Planning Session, thus serving as an educational presentation for us. Prospective candidates may contact a Board member. Deadline for registration is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Educational opportunities for the month of January were shared.

Radio Spots .....January 12, interview with Jim Luzar promoting the Intern class. Danny Wayne, of Midwest Communications on Third Street, is generously donating a total of 3 spots to our association.

Embroidery Express (behind Honey Creek Mall) offers our logo for \$8.50 to be put on your own garment. Their shop also offers garments for purchase.

February Board of Directors meeting: February 2 at 6:00pm at the Grand traverse Pie company.

February Planning and Scheduling Session: February 21 at 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** February 2, 2012, 6:00pm at Pie Company.

Members in attendance: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, John Hilderbrand, Kathy Hutton, Verna Gaskin, Cyd Hutton, Bob Archer, Paula Wilson and Bill Hiatt.

Called to order at 6:05pm.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

~Vice President – Sam Liggett reported programs are aligned through April with no speaker scheduled for May because of the Spring Intern Graduation.

~Recording Secretary – Kathy will coordinate the completed list of paid, active members for the current updated roster once the treasurer has received assessments and service coordinator report is completed. Prior year minutes are in possession of Paula Wilson per Bob Archer.

~Corresponding Secretary – Verna reported no issues with Gazette and communication with extension office.

~Treasurer- John reported on account. The auditing committee had met earlier in the day. John will present the Annual Report to the membership via power point. Prior to that one entry will be verified through 2010 minutes. Need to get those minutes from Beth Keyes. One other entry change will be made to the report prior to the February Planning and Scheduling Session meeting for membership approval of the Annual Report.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

~Beds: Bill Hiatt reports Patriotic Garden plants are being ordered this week.

~Earth Day: Bob Archer noted more could have been sold at Union Hospital's Green Event. ISU Earth Day is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Bob Archer and Kathy Hutton will be available to help from 10am to 1pm.

~Giving Garden: 2012 Goal of 11K pounds. Rose Hulman students are not available until March for design of irrigation system. Verna has seeds and supplies for planting during March in the Greenhouse. A Greenhouse key has been secured for watering purposes. Committee will get a quote from Tractor Supply for a price on a tiller. A bee hive will be on site this year. A May Twilight Tour is being planned. Raised garden beds (new this year) will be a project of the 4-H Jr. Leadership Program. The sign is being reworded to include Ivy Tech and is in the possession of Aaron Wheaton.

~Herb Fair: Reservation will be sent in by Treasurer. Co-chairman, John Hilderbrand, reported all items were sold last year. Recognizing we are limited by the amount of money we are able to generate at this event, the board agreed with the proposal to try a new approach with an additional option to make 20% on smaller heirloom plants and pepper plants. These will be sold in addition to our traditional patio tomato plants and hanging baskets.

~Spring Seminar: Budget was received by Treasurer. WTHI spot was reserved for Feb. 22; however, Sister Teri Boland gave a presentation on Feb. 1. The committee needs to secure a member for Feb. 22 slot.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Intern Class for Feb. 8 through May 9 currently has 20 enrolled. One (half value) scholarship applicant has been submitted by Jim Luzar. Treasure John Hilderbrand will submit check.

Member Yvonne Russell would like to create a Facebook Page for WVMG...will be presented for membership approval.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Feb. 18-19, Fowler Park Pancake Breakfast.

Feb. 20, Arboretum, 6:30pm at Torner Center – Tom Cummins to present program.

Feb. 21, INDOT Presentation on 641 ByPass, South Vigo High School, 5:00pm.

Feb. 25-26, Parke County Maple Syrup Fair, Rockville Fairgrounds.

March 10-18, Indianapolis Flower and Patio Show.

April 12, "April in Paris", Paris, Illinois.

June 9, Herb Society Bus Trip to Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Next Board meeting: March 1, at 6:00pm, at the Pie Company.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 for 1 ¼ hour of volunteer time.

There will be a Spring Garden Soil Preparation event at ISU Community Gardens at 11:00am on Saturday, March 31. John Rosene and Jim Luzar will conduct a garden soil preparation demonstration. Meet at the northeast corner of the garden to watch, assist and get all the answers to get your plot ready before you plant. This will count toward Master Gardener Education time. This is open to all Master Gardeners. No need to register for demonstration, but if you can stay and help in the garden after the demonstration let Patty Weaver know at [Patricia.weaver@unisonec.com](mailto:Patricia.weaver@unisonec.com) and you can claim volunteer time for that.

The following is a recipe submitted by Larry Agee. It was served at the Herb Day luncheon on January 21 at Urbana, Illinois.

#### Carrots with Grapes

Serve as a side dish with chicken or turkey

2 pounds of carrots, cut into julienne strips

1 clove garlic

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 2 tsp. dried basil

½ cup (1 stick) butter

1 Tbsp. chopped fresh chervil or 1 tsp. dried chervil

¼ tsp. celery salt

2 cups seedless white grapes, halved

2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

In saucepan over medium heat, combine the carrots, basil and garlic. Add water to cover and cook for 20 minutes or until tender. In a separate saucepan, melt the butter and add the chervil and celery salt. When the carrots are cooked, drain; then discard the garlic. Add the carrots, grapes, and lemon juice to the butter mixture, toss to coat and heat until the grapes are warm. Makes 12 servings. Larry and Julie say this is a very good recipe.

The Fair Committee is in need of the following items for the “Make and Take” craft sessions during the Vigo County Fair: 16 to 20 oz. plastic water bottles with labels removed, water type plants (spider plants, wandering jew, etc.); mini bottle gourds or bottle gourds 4” to 8” tall (not to exceed 10” tall) dried and cleaned and ready to paint; bud vases with narrow top, ribbon for bows; old jewelry, trinkets, marbles and aquarium rocks. Also needed is a 5 gallon bucket of pea gravel if anyone has access to it. If anyone has these items or can save them for the committee please do so. Committee members to contact are Bill Hiatt, Debbie Lazzell, Beth Keyes, Ruth Johnson and Verna Gaskin. The agenda for the “Make and Take” sessions are:

July 10 – Hydroponic water bottle garden

July 11 – Gourd painting – Ladybug or Bee

July 12 – Flower arranging

July 13 – Stepping stones

**SPRING SEMINAR:** Everyone please try to support our fund raising events.

The Spring Seminar is coming up on March 10. You can go to our website: [wvmga.org](http://wvmga.org) and download the seminar form and send it in. The Spring Seminar is our major fund raiser for the year along with Earth Day and Herb Fair, so let’s see you all at the Spring Seminar. The topics are great and you can get 4 hours of educational time for it.

That’s all for this month, stay warm and dry. Spring is just around the corner.





## WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER

### MARCH 2012 GARDEN GAZETTE

Next Planning and Scheduling session will be March 20, 2012, 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park. Educational speaker will be John Mutchner on landscaping.

Minutes of February 21, 2012 Planning and Scheduling session, 6:30pm at the Torner Center in Deming Park.

Educational program was presented by Olivia Golding on dry canning. Those present can claim 3/4th hour educational time.

Planning session called to order at 7:15 by President Larry Agee.

#### OFFICERS REPORTS:

Vice President: Sam Liggett: Next month's program will be on landscaping by John Mutchner.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Hutton: January minutes corrected to read in place of Aaron Warner.....will read Aaron Wheaton as working on sign for giving garden. The spelling of John Mutchner's name changed. January minutes approved as corrected.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand: Audit Committee chairman, Bill Hiatt, gave a report, submitted for record. Motion for approval by Roger Tonsfeldt and seconded by Sam Liggett; membership voted to accept the report.

John reported 39 assessments paid to date, leaving 10 members outstanding from last year. Deadline is the END OF FEBRUARY to pay 2012 dues.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter: Cyd reported on 48 members who have submitted hours for a total of 4,812.5 volunteer hours and 1,512.5 Educational hours.

Website Guardian: Cyd requested more photos be made available. Updated committee listing will be placed on the website in February.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Giving Garden: Phil Small reported the Fairgrounds greenhouse will be used for planting seeds. An email will be sent to membership. Water system is on hold and still in committee.

Head Bed Keeper: Roger Tonsfeldt: Roger met with Eddie Bird, City Parks and Rec. Superintendent in February. A plan is being worked on for an overhaul of the bed at 1<sup>st</sup> and Oak due to invasive perennial grass. The bed at First Financial will have no expenditures.

Spring Seminar: Committee reports 47 registered to date.

Matter in Motion: Will take place at Ivy Tech on March 24. Committee will be meeting to plan the make and take.....same as last year.....peanut butter pinecone bird feeder.

Earth Day at ISU will take place on April 11. Bob Archer and Kathy Hutton will be on site.

Earth Day at Union Hospital on April 20, Debi Gansz asked membership to approve cost of 6 green aprons @ \$100. Patty seconded motion. Approved by membership vote.

Earth Day at St. Mary of the Woods on April 21. Debi Gansz reported the committee has started seeds to grow plants for give away.

Fair Committee: Bill Hiatt: will list items needed for fair projects for publication in future Gazette's. For projects they will need broken tile; old jewelry or trinkets for stepping stones; 4-8" gourds; clear CLEAN plastic water bottles.....personal size and 2 liter size; clean bud vases; plants that root easily in water such as spider plants, wandering jew, philodendron, boxwood clippings.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

~Phil Small reported sign at Giving Garden should be up in mid March.

~The February 27 slot with WTHI is not about the Spring Seminar.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

~Members are encouraged to sign up for serving on committees and projects.

Check website for an updated list from which to choose. No committee is ever

too full for new members. A copy will be passed around at the March membership session.

~Advanced Master Gardener level achieved by Barbara Brugnaux.

Congratulations!!

~Photos are needed for the Valley Viewer Page which will be ours on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

~A new facebook page has been set up by Yvonne Russell. Jane Santucci moved the membership approve the site and Greg Field seconded the motion prior to voting approval.

~Arts Illiana's Tablesapes fundraiser was introduced by Nancy Nation. A table featuring the Giving Garden will be set to invite votes on February 23, 24, 25. Viewing is \$5.00. Nancy, Sharon Polge and Carole Dreher formed the committee. Barb Brugnaux made a motion the display be approved and Sr. Teri Boland seconded prior to endorsement by the membership.

~Christmas in the Park: Pat Secrest requested the membership approve participation in the 2012 contest. Commitment must be submitted by March 14<sup>th</sup> in order to secure the shelter. Motion was passed.

~Patty Weaver reported on the Community Garden at ISU. They have an upcoming event for March 31 from noon to 2pm at the gardens.

~Butterfly Garden: Kathy Hutton, John Shoemaker, Peggy Harlan invite other interested persons to assist with the building of a sign board for educational materials and postings at the Deming Park Butterfly Garden. The sign will be constructed for Spring placement. Purchasing of material will take place on March 6 at 1:00pm at Lowes, then construction will take place in Kathy's garage.

~Jim Luzar reported the Spring Intern Class currently has enrollment of 27 members. Facilitators are always needed to assist with various classroom duties. Contact Carol Swearingen for outstanding dates.

~Larry's announcements:

~~Master Gardener logo on garments: Embroidery Express, 601 Honey Creek Drive.

~~Garden Gazette will post membership phone, email changes....members should make corrections within their own materials to be able to contact other members.

~~March 10-18: Indy Flower and Patio show.

~~March 24: Matter in Motion, Ivy Tech Quad Room. Contact Debi Gansz.  
~~March 31: ISU Community Garden 11:00 to noon. Soil prep for Spring. Contact Patty Weaver.  
~~April 12: "April in Paris". Edgar County Illinois Extension site.  
~~June 9: Herb Society Bus trip to Missouri Botanical Gardens. Non members \$55. Contact Larry Agee.

Next Board of Directors meeting: March 1 at 6:00pm at Pie Company.

Next Planning Session meeting: March 20 at 6:30pm at Torner Center in Deming Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm for 1 hour volunteer time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: March 1, 2012, 6:00pm, Pie Company.

Board members present: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Kathy Hutton, Verna Gaskin, John Hilderbrand, Bill Hiatt, Bob Archer.

Called to order by President Larry Agee at 6:05pm.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

Vice President: Sam Liggett: April meeting presentation will be Edie Dyer Wilson on butterflies. Awaiting a date to be set for Garden Tour in order to plan for June and July programs.

Recording Secretary: Kathy Hutton: Minutes of February Board meeting were approved with correction as published in the February Planning and Scheduling minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin. Nothing to report.

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand: Balance given. Multiple registrations. Deadline were discussed. A policy may be in order for next year to eliminate multiple trips to the bank, as well as repeat paperwork for treasurer, secretary and service coordinator. John reported having received 110 registrations @ \$35 for the March 1 deadline for the Spring Seminar. Registration after this date will be \$40.

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter not in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Butterfly Garden: Meeting at Lowes patio area at 1:00pm on Tueaday, March 6 to purchase sign materials, then build in Kathy Hutton's garage.

Earth Days: Discussion on number and size of tomato plants to be purchased. As we are participating and selling them in various Earth Day venues .....final numbers will be determined by Larry and purchased. (approximately 18 small and 30 large plants).

Fair Committee: July 8 thru 14<sup>th</sup> is the fair. SET UP will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Bill requested items for make and take to be published in the Gazette.

Spring Seminar: Vendors, patrons and contributors were discussed. Apple House has been most generous.

Giving Garden: Workday on Wednesday, March 7 at 1:00pm at the Ivy Tech Greenhouse. The Rose Hulman students will not be participating in the irrigation system this year. The immediate plan is to extend the faucet and increase the water pressure. Nothing further has been done with the tiller.

Herb Fair: May 12 registration is in per John Hilderbrand. The week of May 1<sup>st</sup> is tentative to pick up plants in Rockville. More information and a call out for covered transport for the plants and baskets at a later date.

Matter In Motion at Ivy Tech: Yvonne attended meeting with John Rosene and posted information on facebook page.

Patriotic Garden: Bill Hiatt reported plants are ordered.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda for next meeting will include proposal for John Rosene to become an honorary member of the Wabash valley Master Gardeners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tablescape's participation by Committee Nancy Nation, Carole Dreher, and Sharon Polge earned a 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy in New Participant Category.

Larry's announcements are the same as those printed in February Planning and Scheduling minutes.

Motion to adjourn by bill Hiatt and seconded by Sam Liggett. Adjourned at 6:57pm. Can claim 1 hour volunteer time.

Next Board of Directors meeting is April 5, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Pie Company.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

TREES Invasive Community Spring ABH pull at Dobbs Park. There will be a work morning on Saturday, April 14 to remove Asian Bush Honeysuckle (ABH) from Dobbs Park. Registration will start at 8:30am in front of the Dobbs Park Nature Center. Work will begin at 9:00am and end around noon. Will work in all but the extreme weather conditions. If you can help out contact Jane Morse at [jmdmorse@morsecentral.com](mailto:jmdmorse@morsecentral.com) or phone 812-877-3902 or 812-239-9111. Can claim volunteer time for this.

The following is an article submitted by Julie Baysinger. Thank you Julie.

'Jack Frost' Brunnera

The 2012 Perennial Plant of the year is a woodland perennial that was first introduced in 2000. This hardy perennial has proven over the last decade to be a reliable, beautiful and popular perennial for the shade garden. It has opened up new possibilities for shade gardeners by giving them something new to complement their hostas and ferns.

Jack Frost likes shade and is well known for its dramatic heart-shaped foliage. The silver leaves have dark-green veining that produces a crackle-like finish. It's small blue flowers bloom mid to late spring and the flower stems are great for cutting for spring bouquets.

Jack Frost grows best in full shade with loose, rich, well-drained soil. It will brighten any shade garden and can be used as a ground cover or border for a shaded perennial garden. Remove ragged foliage in late fall and remove the spent flower stalks in early summer to keep this plant looking its best. Jack Frost is not a favored plant by rabbits or deer, so it could be a good choice if wildlife is a problem in your landscape. It is hardy in zones 3 to 8.

That's all for this month.

Spring arrives on March 20 (our planning session) so put on your garden hat and come out to our meeting. See you there.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS

## GARDEN GAZETTE 2012

Next Planning and Scheduling Session is August 21, 2012 in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds at 6:30pm. Speaker will be Linda Gard doing a presentation on hypertufa.

July 17 planning and scheduling meeting was at the Vigo County Fairgrounds and began a half hour earlier than the normal 6:30pm meeting time due to the privilege of entertaining Dr. Jay T. Akridge, Dean of Agriculture Program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, In. His comments affirmed a working relationship with Purdue and our local IVY Tech college campus agriculture and horticulture programs. Additionally, John Rosene, IVY Tech Agriculture Dept., spoke, along with Jim Luzar on the identification of weeds and plant pest and diseases. John spoke on the upcoming opportunity for the AGRI 262 Woody Landscape Plants 3 credit course. It begins on August 20, running through December 15 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Contact John for information: [jrosene@ivytech.edu](mailto:jrosene@ivytech.edu) or 812-298-2202.

40 members enjoyed refreshments and acquired 1 hour of education.

### MINUTES OF July 17, 2012 PLANNING/SCHEDULING MEETING:

Called to order by President, Larry Agee.

Vice President, Sam Liggett announced the August guest speaker for education will be Linda Gard, demonstrating hypertufa.

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton reported no corrections to the June minutes. They were approved as they appeared in the gazette.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin noted three members who did not receive the gazette via email.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand reported minimal activity and no account activity since the report at the July Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Jim Luzar recognized and distributed completion certificates to Cindi Little, Terri Hamke and Yvonne Russell. Tina Bowen and Nancy Nation earned their Advanced Status. Bob Archer received the Silver badge for his acquired hours of service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

The fair report was given by Verna in Bill Hiatt's absence. A huge thank you goes to Bill and his committee for their hard work in delivering another successful fair. The numbers in every category of the make and take projects were up again this year.

Our members who entered and earned awards in the fair were Debbie Lazzell, Grand Champion for her herb entry; Charlene McKean and Phil Small.

Our organization paid \$100 to the Vigo County Extension Homemakers for the Horticulture Open Class premiums. Participation in open class entries were extremely down this year. Open class encompasses non 4-H projects. Anyone hoping to participate next year may acquire the Fair book from the extension office that lists classes and rules for entries.

The Giving Garden will work on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday evening, Friday beginning the week of July 22<sup>nd</sup>. At this reporting, 3300 lbs have been harvested. The irrigation system is being utilized daily. Roger Sturgeon donated 30 bales of straw. Jim Luzar will send an acknowledgment of thanks.

Hawthorn Park has a routine workday on Tuesday mornings @ 10:00am to deadhead roses and weed.

Spring Seminar...Committee has met and is working to decide topics and secure speakers.

In old business, the IVY Tech letter acknowledging our \$500 Scholarship contribution for 2012 has been sent. The banquet invitation is pending.

NEW BUSINESS: The State Fair information booth is available for our members to earn volunteer hours. The date of Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 7pm is available. Four people man the booth, assisted by computer and reference material. The second date for the week has been filled. Members meet and car pool, with tickets available for free entry. Contact Jim Luzar.

The State Purdue Master Gardener Conference will be in Noblesville, IN this year. It runs from October 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup>. Interested members may view the web site at <http://209.43.115.19/2012-master-gardener-state-conference-2/>

A nominating committee of three members for 2013 Officers is needed to facilitate election of our 6 officers. A folder of this committee's duties is available and easy to follow. The slate is to be published in September, one month prior to the October election.

Bicentennial Garden Tour on August 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 1pm. You will be able to tour the ISU Community garden, 219 N. 11<sup>th</sup> street, enjoying music along the way. Participation ensures a State Certificate of recognition as a Centennial Garden. Email Patty Weaver so their committee will be able to provide enough food for the party!

Check it out at [sustainableindiana.org](http://sustainableindiana.org)@ ISU community garden.

Announcements: Dr. Bill Dando, a climatologist will speak on "Food, Famine, and the Christian's Responsibility." For many years, this Agro-

Climatologist and Agro-meteorologist has been advising nations about food production. Location is Mt. Pleasant Church, 3050 East Davis Drive. Sunday, August 19, at 6:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned after  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour for volunteer time.

Next meeting at Vigo County Fairgrounds at 6:30pm, August 21.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Grand traverse Pie Company, 6:00pm.

President Larry Agee called the meeting to order @ 6pm. Members in attendance were Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Bill Hiatt, Kathleen Hutton, Sam Liggett, Carl Trent, Paula Wilson, and Jim Luzar. Non board member in attendance was Yvonne Russell.

### Minutes of Board meeting:

Vice President Sam Liggett verified Linda Gard of Kalamora Gardens, Marshall, IL. Will be demonstrating hypertufa.

In September, a plant and seed exchange will be the program for that night.

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton accepted minutes of the July Board meeting approved as they appeared in the July Gazette.

No treasurer's report at this meeting.

COMMITTEES: According to Jim Luzar, badges have been ordered for September's meeting for members who have advanced to their next respective levels.

The Giving Garden reports 5500 lbs per Bob Archer.

City Parks: Bill Hiatt states the presence of ground nesting hornets within the patriotic garden. Soaker hoses are clogged and will need to be replaced.

County Park: Scale has invaded the roses at Hawthorn Park. A systemic treatment, per Jim Luzar's advice was administered. The total bed requires 6 gallons; however, only 2 were available so slow release granules were also used.

The Fair Committee Chairman, Bill Hiatt, gave a final report of the numbers in attendance for each of the make and takes. The committee was \$2.15 over the \$500 budget. Overall fair attendance was up. A meeting was held at the end of the fair week to make notes for fresh ideas for next year's fair. Thank you notes for assistance will be sent by Verna Gaskin to the Apple House, the Extension Office, and Graham Feed.

Spring Seminar co-chair Yvonne Russell reported she has last year's seminar files on hand and the committee is working on acquiring speakers. The venue and price has not been guaranteed. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm in the Deming Park Ute shelter for any members who wish to attend.

Currently the following members have signed for this committee: Co-chair Brenda Kirchner, Carol Swearingen and Paula Wilson.

Old Business: The Indiana State Fair booth has enough workers signed up for both days.

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> Leadership Training for Master Gardeners date has been postponed until further notice.

The IVY Tech Scholarship awards banquet took place the last week of July. Larry Agee and Carl Trent represented our organization. An agriculture student, Tiffany Dycus, was the recipient of our scholarship.

President Larry Agee appointed a nominating committee of three members: Carol Swearingen, Pat Youman and Greg Fields. The folder was passed from Kathleen Hutton to Carol Swearingen.

The State Conference in October has three early registrants: Larry Agee, Cyd Hunter and Charlene McKean. Because they registered first, they will be reimbursed for their registrations. The extension office needs a copy of their cancelled check or invoice.

The September 18<sup>th</sup> Plant and Seed Exchange Committee will need to meet prior to the August meeting. Committee co-chair is Debi Gansz with a second co-chair still needed. Other committee members are Roger Tonsfeldt, Sue Rosiak, Jane Santucci and Kathleen Hutton.

The September 2012 Chili Cook-off committee will soon be meeting. The contact person for the event is Judi Reinhold. The committee chairmen will contact her at 812-208-2546. John Hilderbrand and Debbie Lazzell co-chair this committee. Other members who signed up are Cyd Hunter, Carl Trent, John Shoemaker, Verna Gaskin, Bob Archer, Phil Small, Yvonne Russell, Nancy Nation and Charlene McKean.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be at Grand Traverse Pie Co. on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Any member is welcome to attend.

The planning and scheduling meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> will be at 6:30pm in the 4-H Building at the Vigo County Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned after 1 hour of Volunteer time.

That's all for this month, see you at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.



WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS  
GARDEN GAZETTE 2012

Next Planning and Scheduling Session is September 18 at **6:00pm at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds**. This is our annual seed and plant exchange and carry-in meal. Members with last name starting with A through G bring salad or fruit; H through M brings vegetables and N through Z brings a dessert. Meat and drinks and table service provided. Since we won't have too many plants or seeds available this year, we will be having a **"GREEN ELEPHANT GARDEN EXCHANGE"**; used items only please and make sure they are wrapped. There will also be a PHOTO CONTEST. If you have any pictures of your own garden, flowers, veggies or water garden send them to Cyd Hunter via email [cydhunter@frontier.com](mailto:cydhunter@frontier.com) or by regular mail to 2689 Eaton Drive, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47802. There will be no educational time. Carry-in, meeting, plant/seed exchange, green elephant exchange and photo contest...whew!...should be fun...so don't plan to just eat and run!!!

The nomination committee has been busy getting nominees for offices for the coming year. They are as follows:

President: Sam Liggett

Vice President: Bob Archer

Recording Secretary: Pat Youman

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter

Board of Directors past officers: Larry Agee, Kathy Hutton

Board of Directors member-at-large: Bill Hiatt

Assistant treasurer (to be voted on separately): Carl Trent

We will be voting for these offices at our meeting in October. Any member unable to attend that meeting may request an absentee ballot from the incumbent Secretary (Kathy Hutton). The absentee ballot must be returned and received by the Secretary for certification, seven (7) days prior to the business meeting (October 16). Nominees will be accepted from the floor at the September meeting. Write in names on ballots will also be accepted at time of voting.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2012, Planning and Scheduling Session held at the Vigo County Fairgrounds. A 6:30pm presentation by Linda Gard of Kalamora Gardens on hypertufa rock preceded the meeting. One hour education time may be claimed for the 38 members present.

Meeting called to order by President Larry Agee. Guest speaker introduced by Sam Liggett, Vice President. Sam reported next month's program as the Plant and Seed exchange. The Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton, accepted July's minutes as corrected to read: Sam Liggett in the place of Carl Trent as the member in attendance at the Ivy Tech scholarship luncheon with Larry Agee.

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin.

Treasurer's report given by John Hilderbrand.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT:

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter submitted a report of members who had advanced, although the ordered badges had not arrived for distribution. The following interns attained their certification status for August. George Needham, Mary Howard-Hamilton, Gene Jarvis, Jill Fleener and Richard Watson. George Needham and Greg Fields also

achieved Advanced Status at the end of the month. Advancing to Bronze was Pat Youman. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

The **Plant and Seed Exchange** committee wants us to remember what our gardens looked like prior to the drought...or...see how well they've recovered! A PHOTO CONTEST will be decided from photos of our own gardens (one per member) submitted to Cyd Hunter via email prior to September 12<sup>th</sup>. – [cydhunter@frontier.com](mailto:cydhunter@frontier.com) Identify your photo to Cyd only. The membership will vote.

Additionally, "Green Elephant Garden Exchange" will take place. Bring a **wrapped** garden item you no longer want around your garden for exchange.

The committee will provide meat and beverage. Last names A-G...please bring salads; H-M...vegetable or fruit; and N-Z...please bring dessert for the **PITCH IN**. Because food is involved, we begin earlier than normal, so the food and fun begin at 6:00pm on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds 4-H building. Spouces are welcome. Committee chair: Debi Gansz.

The giving garden committee reported 7800 pounds of produce. ISU (20 students) volunteers spent a productive day in the garden.

Additionally, the garden was part of the Bicentennial Garden Tour.

They ask that you check out the new addition of Gourd House by Greg Fields.

The spring Seminar Committee has not yet established a venue.

Discussion was held regarding the number of workers willing to take an active part in the seminar by committing to working on food preparation in order to increase the profit margin. More than half of the members in attendance raised their hands in support of that idea. This helped the committee to feel more comfortable in proceeding with

acquiring a venue in which the organization will be able to do the work with less expense. Anyone interested in serving on the committee may call Von Russell or Brenda Kirchner or Carol Swearingen.

Chili Cook-Off (Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>) Committee meeting after August session.

Details will be circulated via email for participating in making our chili a repeat winner.

In old business: The State Fair Master Gardener's Booth was open for our volunteers on 2 days. First time volunteer Peggy Harlan reported on her positive experience while acquiring volunteer time.

Three members have registered for the State Conference to be held October 4-6 in Noblesville. Registration and deadline information may be found on the website <http://209.43.115.19/2012-master-gardener-state-conference-2/>

The Ivy Tech Scholarship award recipient was Tiffany Dycus. A note of thanks was received from Tiffany. President Larry Agee and Vice President Sam Liggett attended.

Patty Weaver reported on the success of the ISU Green Valley Alliance for Sustainability program. The ISU Community Garden received a certificate for participation. She reported the Garden Party was well attended.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for the Soil and Water Conservation science program, held annually at the fairgrounds for Vigo County 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students are bused in for the day. You will assist Jim Luzar or Pat Secrest with shorty sessions during which student groups rotate through stations from 8:30am to 2:00pm. Full day or half day volunteers are needed as it runs September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>. Continental breakfast and lunch are served.

Peggy Harlan has agreed to chair the Christmas in the Park Committee. Many volunteers are needed to prepare, set up and take down the display in Deming Park.

Bill Hiatt gave an official Vigo County fair report. Impressive numbers verified another successful year for the committee's efforts.

A nominating committee, consisting of Pat Youman, Carol Swearingen, and Greg fields will present a slate of officers for publication in the September gazette. Members are asked to consider serving a one year term for the offices.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ivy Tech Class on woody Landscape Plants begins Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> and ends Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ohio Valley Garden Conference, Evansville. Paul James, speaker. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

September 8: VOTE for WVGMA chili at the Chili cook-off (Clabber Girl lot)

September 8: Nature Day Clay County: 9am to 1pm at Clay County Fairgrounds.

September 14: Wildflowers Workshop at McCormick's Creek.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The Board meets at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. You do not have to be a board member to attend and listen in.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Hiatt; John Hilderbrand seconded. Adjourned after **1 hour of volunteer time** for the 39 members present.

Due to a problem with the recording secretary's computer, the Board of Directors minutes of September 6<sup>th</sup> will be sent out at a later date.

## HOW MUCH TO WATER AND HELP SAVE YOUR TREES AND SHRUBS FROM THE DROUGHT!!!

Drought stress can be relieved by removing any weeds and grass from beneath the tree (they compete for water). Place a 3-4" layer of mulch back 6" away from trunk around the tree. If you haven't been watering this spring or summer, it may not be too late to save them. Water at the base of the plant and deep soak the root ball and the immediate area outside the root ball area. The surrounding ground is going to suck the moisture away from the immediate root ball so it is important to soak the entire area. Watering this way will actually cut down on the visits you actually have to make with the hose. It is also best for your plants if you water this way. Plants generally like to be thoroughly saturated with water and allowed time to drain in between watering. The exception to this is the first week or two after initially planting. After that it is imperative plants be given time between watering to drain. This is also how you get plants to establish themselves in their permanent location. If the plant is given time to drain between watering then the roots will chase the water into the surrounding ground. If watering daily the roots have no reason to go anywhere. Furthermore, roots need oxygen and if they are continually saturated they will begin to rot. One of the most difficult things in gardening to do is to get a plant turned around when it is afflicted with root rot or other fungal problems initiated by over watering.

On average, you should water:

1 gallon = 2-3 minutes	
2 gallon = 3 minutes	
3 gallon = 3-4 minutes	\
5 gallon = 5-7 minutes	/ shrubs and small trees
7 gallon = 7-10 minutes	/
10 gallon = 10-15 minutes	\
15 gallon = 15-20 minutes	/ 7 to 15 gallon trees
20 gallon = 20-25 minutes	\
25 gallon = 25-30 minutes	\ larger trees
45 gallon = 30-40 minutes	/

New plantings – 2 to 3 times per week till October – November.

Established plantings – 2 to 3 times per week till October – November.

More often on plants showing stress or wilting. (Watering instructions courtesy of Apple House)

That's all for this month, see you the 18<sup>th</sup>.

You might be a redneck gardener if...

...you use bathroom fixtures as planters

...you edge your paths with all kinds of empty bottles





## WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS GARDEN GAZETTE 2012

Next Planning and Scheduling Session is October 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H Meeting Room on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

The September 18, 2012 Planning/Scheduling meeting took place at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room. A carry-in dinner was held prior to annual plant and seed exchange. New, this year, a photo contest and Green Elephant Exchange took place after the meeting.

The Planning/Scheduling meeting was called to order by President Larry Agee at 6:45 p.m. Sam Liggett, Vice President, reported Yvonne Russell as the guest speaker in October. The topic will be utilizing our Facebook page and other navigation tips.

The Recording Secretary, Kathy Hutton, accepted the August minutes approved as they appeared in the gazette.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand, gave the current account balance.

Cyd Hunter, Service Coordinator, distributed badges to the following people as they have completed their certification: Richard Watson, Jill Fleener, Gene Jarvis, Mary Howard Hamilton, and George Needham. The Bronze Level badge went to Pat Youman. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Committee Reports: The Giving Garden has donated 9300 pounds thus far. They are meeting on Monday and Thursday from 8 to 11a.m. for harvesting.

City Parks: The Springhill Bank bed has been mulched.

County Park: Hawthorn Park will be mulched in October. They have stopped deadheading the rose hips and will trim the plants in February.

Peggy Harlan reported on the Christmas in the Park committee plans. The contest set-up is November 23. The train ticket sales will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec. with cocoa, cookies and candy canes being sold that night. A committee meeting was scheduled to follow the September general meeting.

The Spring Seminar committee has secured three guest speakers, but, still no venue or date

Sharon Polge explained the seeding project for children at the Library Learning Days on September 22.

OLD BUSINESS: The State conference will have four members representing our organization October 4 – 6 in Noblesville, Ind.

Pat Secrest reported on the Soil and Water Science Day. Although there was only one hornworm in attendance, all Vigo County fifth graders gained a wealth of knowledge on conservation days.

Debbie Gansz reported on Clay County Nature Day.

John Hilderbrand and his committee garnished top prize for Altrusa Chili cook-off's **HOTTEST CHILI** for the second consecutive year. GREAT JOB!!

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers upon which will be voted on at the October meeting.

President: Sam Liggett

Vice President: Bob Archer

Recording Secretary: Pat Youman

Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin

Treasurer: John Hilderbrand

Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter

Board Member (Past Officers)(vote for two) Larry Agee, Kathy Hutton

Board Member-at-Large: Bill Hiatt

Absentee ballots must be in hands of the Recording Secretary in a sealed envelope 7 days prior to election.

NEW BUSINESS: The next Intern Class will begin February 6, from noon to 3pm. The program continues through May and will be \$85 through the Purdue Extension Office.

A Thank You note was sent to our organization from Ruth Ridener for the donation made for the Vigo County Fair Open Class awards sponsored by the Horticulture Department.

Larry's announcements were as follows:

Sept. 22: Park County Gourd Festival. Helen Thomas.

Sept. 23: Friends of the Arboretum Open House...CAKE!!

Oct. 7: Old Fashioned Days at Collett Park; T. H. Parks and Recreation.

Oct. 20: Ohio Valley Garden Conference in Evansville. Paul James, speaker.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bill and Janice Hiatt on their Wedding Anniversary...more than 50 years!! Best wishes to a wonderful couple!

Next Board meeting will be Oct. 4, 6:00pm at Grand traverse Pie Company.

Next Planning/Scheduling meeting Oct. 16, 6:30pm at the 4-H meeting room at the Fairgrounds.

Meeting adjourned with one hour volunteer time for the 34 members present.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 4, 2012 minutes

Location: Grand Traverse Pie Company

Board members present: Sam Liggett, Bob Archer, Verna Gaskin, Kathy Hutton

Called to order by Vice President Sam Liggett at 6:00pm.

Vice President, Sam, reported Yvonne Russell will speak on topic of Facebook pages at the October meeting. Verna will bring her remote wireless and her laptop. Sam will check with Jim Luzar for the use of the projector screen from the Extension Office. Some discussion was held on pursuing the possibility of purchasing a secondhand projector screen for presentations. A November speaker has not been arranged.

Recording Secretary, Kathy, filed the minutes of the September Board meeting as approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Giving Garden has produced 10,000 pounds according to Bob Archer. This meets last year's production.

Spring Seminar will be called "Gardeners Gathering". Date and location is yet to be determined. No committee report.

City Parks: Kathy Hutton, current bed keeper of Butterfly Garden, will be asking for someone to take on responsibility of maintaining the Garden for 2013.

Christmas in the Park committee will be decorating the shelter in Deming Park on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Also the December 16<sup>th</sup> train ride and hot cocoa sales fall under the direction of this committee.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating committee has published the slate of officers and voting will be at the October membership meeting.

The state Conference runs Oct. 4-6. Four members will report on it at the next meeting.

The Spring Intern Class will begin in February and conclude in May for the cost of \$85, meeting every Wednesday from noon to 3pm. The proposal of scholarships from our association will be brought before the membership. Options discussed were a full scholarship for one person or two partial scholarships for two people.

An eco seminar, "Our Green Valley" will be held Nov. 9 and 10. Inconclusive discussion held on acquisition of education hours for all or part of this seminar. Jane Santucci may be contacted for specifics. Jim Luzar will make the ultimate decision as to the topics being applicable for education hours.

A member of the Crawford County Illinois Master Gardeners wishes to transfer to Vigo County. The Board recommends dues be assessed for year 2013, with disregard for the 2 remaining months of 2012; however, no conclusion was made as to how to handle the transfer of her acquired hours.

Next Board meeting is on November 1 at 6:00pm at the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Next Planning/Scheduling meeting is October 16 at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds 4-H meeting room. See you then.

Bob Archer says they are harvesting on Mondays only at the giving Garden.



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Next planning and scheduling session **November 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**at the 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.**

October 16, 2012 Planning and Scheduling Meeting at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m.

Program: Utilizing WVMG Facebook Page by Von Russell. Education time: 1 hour.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Larry Agee after thanking our organization's member, Yvonne Russell for her helpful presentation.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted with one correction to Larry's announcements: The Indiana Gourd Society Fall Festival date is not September 22, but should read November 3. Sam Liggett, Vice President has tentatively set the November program with Chef Jack Daniels on cooking with fresh food.

Verna reports no omissions from the Gazette distribution.

Treasurer John Hilderbrand was not available for a report.

Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter presented a pin from the State Conference in recognition acquiring Gold Status during 2012. Congratulations to Paula Wilson.

Members are encouraged to get their 2012 hours in very soon so Cyd doesn't have an end of year deluge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Giving Garden reported they have surpassed last year's production with 10,760 pounds of donations. Clean up dates are the next two Monday evenings (October 15 and 22) from 4 to 6:30pm. The 2013 Garden co-chair persons will be Kate Michaw and Greg Fields. Thank you and congratulations on the successful leadership of Bob Archer and Phil Small since the inception of the Giving Garden.

The Spring Seminar committee established IVY Tech Oakley Auditorium as the venue. There is no charge for the facility; however, their food service vendor is required to be used as the caterer. Co-chairperson, Brenda Kirchner, reported Ivy Tech's AudioVisual System is not

compatible with Mac or Apple users so their Presenters will be made aware of this. At this time, three speakers are confirmed. The committee asks for help by all members in acquiring sponsors for the event.

Also, you may refer prospective Gardening related vendors to contact any of the committee members.

The Christmas in the Park committee will decorate the shelter on **November 23**. They will begin the day at **9:00 a.m.** at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds to load and subsequently transport items to the Ozark Shelter in Deming Park. Help is needed at both places. On December 16, tickets for the train ride in Deming Park will be sold with proceeds going to our organization, along with proceeds from hot cocoa sales.

In OLD BUSINESS, the State Conference, held in Noblesville and sponsored by Hamilton County was reported upon by Charlene McKean. Other members who attended were Larry Agee, Carol Swearingen, Cyd Hunter and Judy Eckert.

Photos will be posted on WVMG Facebook page. It was announced that next year's conference will be in Bristol, Ind.

Election of Officers for a one year term are as follows: President: Sam Liggett; Vice President: Bob Archer; Recording Secretary: Pat Youman; Corresponding Secretary: Verna Gaskin (retained); Treasurer: John Hilderbrand (retained); Service Coordinator: Cyd Hunter (retained); Board of Directors: Larry Agee; Kathleen Hutton; Bill Hiatt.

In NEW BUSINESS the 2013 Spring Intern class begins Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at noon to 3:00 pm with a cost of \$85. Following discussion and upon a motion made by Sam Liggett, the membership voted to award two \$42.50 scholarships for two interns. The need of the recipients will be initially determined by Jim Luzar and communicated to the Board of Directors for final approval.

As on the past, our organization will continue the program of facilitating the classes by providing refreshments and helping Jim with leg work in setting up the classrooms. Carol Swearingen will coordinate the facilitators.

An Assistant Treasurer, appointed by the President was approved by the membership. For 2013, Carl Trent is Assistant to Treasurer John Hilderbrand, upon the motion by member Pat Youman, with a second by Debi Gansz.

A Master Gardener in good standing with Crawford County Master Gardeners in wishing to transfer into our association. With her records in order and accrued hours documented, per Jim Luzar, the membership agreed that she is welcome with no dues assessment for the remaining two months of this year.

Our Green Valley, an eco-seminar, will be held Nov. 9-10. Reservations are on the Facebook and Our Green Valley web site. Some, not all, of the seminar's topics are pertinent to gardening. Extension Educator, Jim Luzar ascertained there to be 4 hours applicable to the Master Gardener program for education.

The ISU Community Garden is renovating their house and shed to include a new greenhouse.

Other announcements: The Ohio Valley Garden Conference will be held in Evansville, IN on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, featuring Paul James as speaker.

The IN Gourd Society Fall Festival & meeting will be Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Parke County Fairgrounds from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Board meeting will be Nov. 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Traverse Pie Company.

The next planning and scheduling meeting will be at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 4-H Meeting Room on Nov. 13, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with 1 hour of volunteer time for the 28 members in attendance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meeting, Nov. 1, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Grand traverse Pie Company.

Members present were Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Verna Gaskin, Cyd Hunter, Paula Wilson, Bob Archer and Bill Hiatt.

Meeting called to order by President Larry Agee at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of last meeting were in October Gazette.

Vice President, Sam reports that education time for November will be Chef Jack Daniels.

Incoming Vice President Bob Archer asks that if anyone has any suggestions for speakers please let him know at [rda4@frontier.com](mailto:rda4@frontier.com)

Corresponding Secretary, Verna, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Nothing has changed since last report.

Service Coordinator, Cyd, reports that badges have been ordered and should be here before our November meeting. Annette Benefiel and Anita Criss have achieved Certified Master Gardener.

Giving Garden: Bob Archer stated that they have surpassed 11,200 pounds of produce with 200 cabbage and 200 broccoli still to be picked. There are still lots of greens (mustard greens, some

types of lettuce, etc.) in the Giving Garden and that anyone that wants some may go to the garden and pick all they want. **However, do not pick the cabbage or broccoli.** The garden has been cleaned up and all the hoses and pipes put away for the winter.

City Gardens: The Parks Department has passed our budget for the coming year.

County Park: Hawthorn Park Labyrinth – roses and other plants have been mulched but they plan to add more mulch after Thanksgiving.

Christmas in the Park: Working on painting some of the decorations. They will be buying some new LED lights. Decorating will be on the Friday after Thanksgiving. They will be needing lots of help for this. December 16 is the date for Master Gardeners to sell tickets for the train ride and hot chocolate.

Spring Seminar, “Gardener’s Gathering” - March 9, Ivy Tech Auditorium. Paula Wilson states they need sponsors and vendors. Contact your employers and see if they would be willing to help sponsor the seminar. Coordinate sponsors through Paula. Ivy Tech’s caterer will be doing the food. Four speakers are now confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS: Yvonne is now doing our website; wvmga.org

Jim Luzar and Ella Ingram were united in marriage on September 15. **“CONGRATULATIONS”** to them. They were given gift cards from the Master Gardeners.

Hours need to be turned in before the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS: December meeting will be Dec. 4, 6:00pm with a carry-in of your favorite holiday snack (finger food). **PARTY TIME!!!!!!!!!!**

Announcements: Purdue Tour of Renaissance Gardens of Italy, June 4-16, 2013 enrollment opens November 1, 1:00 p.m. Master Gardener plus one guest, then Purdue Alums, then M.Gs from other states until full.

Next planning and scheduling meeting: November 13, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Meeting Room, Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Next Board of Directors meeting: January 2013.

Meeting adjourned. 45 minutes of volunteer time for those present.

See you at our next meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



*WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENERS  
ASSOCIATION GARDEN GAZETTE 2012 #2*

Next Planning and scheduling session is January 15, 2013 at 6:30pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Educational time will be a representative from TREES, Inc.

Please try to attend the January meeting as our yearly assessment of \$15 is due at this time and new sign-up sheets for committees will be sent around. Volunteer and Educational hours also need to be turned in. If hours and assessment are not turned in by the end of January you will be removed from the mailing list. (New Interns have one year at no cost from date of graduation).

If you are currently on a committee but cannot attend the planning session and would like to remain on that committee please contact your committee chairperson and let them know so that they may mark your name down. We will also be voting on the proposed budget for 2013.

Minutes of December 4, 2012 Planning and scheduling meeting:

President, Larry Agee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a welcome to members and their guests for the annual Holiday snacks and dessert gathering.

Vice President, Sam Liggett's position will be filled by Bob Archer.

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton's position will be filled by Pat Youman. The minutes of the November meeting will be published in the December gazette.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin, had no report and will continue in this position.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand, gave the treasurer's report. Dues for 2013 are \$15 and payable at any time. Dues are waived for those who completed their class instruction during the past 12 months. John retains his position as treasurer, with appointed assistant Carl Trent.

Our Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter, also retains her position. Badges and certificates were presented to members whose status had been upgraded.

The giving garden committee under the care of Phil Small and Bob Archer, since its inception, will be turned over to Kate Michaw and Greg Fields.

Roger Tonsfeldt reported on the Budget meeting of the City Parks Board, stating that the submitted beds budgets were all approved.

The County Parks committee was not represented.

Christmas in the Park will sell train ride tickets and hot cocoa on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Those who want to help need to arrive near Torner Center at 5:30pm. The train runs from 6-8:00pm.

Inclement weather, i.e. wet tracks will cancel the event.

Voting for the Ozok Shelter takes place on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim Luzar distributed copies of people's choice awards ballots. Debbie Lazzell will deliver them to the park.

The Spring Seminar will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ivy Tech Oakley Auditorium. Chairperson, Brenda Kirchner, reported that presenters were in place. Contact Paula Wilson if you need information for potential vendors and sponsors.

The next intern class for Master Gardener Training begins February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at noon. This is a change in the date that had been previously published. Scholarships are still available. Most, but not all classes will be in the Floriculture Building on the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds.

Volunteer hours for facilitating the classes only count for those who have signed up in advance to assist Jim with non-teaching duties. Contact Carol Swearingen for further information.

Jim Luzar determined that the core classes do not count as educational hours for certified members; however, additional topics by outside speakers may be considered for education.

In Old business; WVMG.org domain renewal for November 2012 thru November 2013 has been completed by Yvonne Russell. Membership had approved the annual \$14.95 fee at an earlier date.

ISU faculty member Jennifer Latimer is still seeking a volunteer for the Good Gardening Practices workshop for 2013. Information was published in the November minutes.

In New Business, the board recommended and accepted an honorary member for his service each year at the county fair and Christmas in the Park. Congratulations to Steve Keyes, husband of member Beth.

Larry's announcements of upcoming events include:

1. The Bi-State Program will be January 24 at the Beef House in Covington. Registration is required with \$20 fee by January 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Princeton, IN. Is hosting "Once Upon a Garden" on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Submit the registration fee of \$40 prior to February 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. Purdue is sponsoring a tour of the Renaissance Gardens of Italy, June 4-16<sup>th</sup>. Information is available with November minutes.

2013 Officers and Board Members were introduced.

The next Board of directors meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at the Grand Traverse Pie Company. The next Planning and scheduling meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds 4-H Meeting Room.

Volunteer time acquired – one hour for the 32 members in attendance.

The following are our meeting dates for 2013. Please mark your calendars.

**Planning and scheduling meeting dates for 2013** (Meetings are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday unless otherwise noted)

January 15, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

February 19, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

March 19, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

April 16, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

May 21, **6:00pm**, Ute Shelter in Deming Park (carry-in for graduating Interns)

June 18, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds (subject to change)

July 16, 6:30pm 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

August 20, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

September 17, **6:00pm**, 4-H Meeting Room at fairgrounds (seed/plant exchange, carry-in)

October 15, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

November **12**, 6:30pm, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds

December **3**, **6:00pm**, 4-H Meeting Room at the fairgrounds (Christmas Gathering, carry-in of “favorite Holiday snack” and also graduation for fall interns))

**Board of Directors meeting dates for 2013.** (Meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday unless otherwise noted) These meetings will be at the Grand Traverse Pie Company in the Orchard Room (large meeting room in back). Any member is welcome to attend but cannot take part in voting.

January 3, 6:00pm

February 7, 6:00pm

March 7, 6:00pm

April 4, 6:00pm

May 2, 6:00pm

June 6, 6:00pm

July **11**, 6:00pm

August 1, 6:00pm

September 5, 6:00pm

October 3, 6:00pm

November 7, 6:00pm

December – no meeting



Please watch your email for any changes prior to meetings.

I hope everyone has a “*MERRY CHRISTMAS*” and a “*HAPPY NEW YEAR*”





WABASH VALLEY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION  
GARDEN GAZETTE 2012 #1

Next Planning and scheduling session is Dec. 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Meeting Room at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. This is a carry-in of your "favorite holiday snack". There will be no educational time, but a short meeting will be held.

Minutes of Board of Directors meeting, November 1, 2012, 6:00 pm.

Officers present: Larry Agee, Sam Liggett, Verna Gaskin, Cyd Hunter, Paula Wilson, Bob Archer, and Bill Hiatt.

Meeting called to order by President Larry Agee.

Minutes of last meeting in Gazette.

Vice President; Sam stated speaker for November was Jack Daniels. If anyone has any suggestions for speakers for 2013 please contact Bob Archer, incoming Vice President for 2013.

Corresponding Secretary; Verna, nothing to report.

Treasurer Report: Same as previously, nothing changed.

Service Coordinator: Cyd stated two members have achieved certified status.

Badges have been ordered and should be in for next meeting.

Giving Garden: Bob Archer – 11,200 pounds have been picked. Cabbage and broccoli and some greens have been planted. Greens are available to anyone who would like them; however, do not pick the cabbage and broccoli. Watering system has been put up for year.

Gardens: City Parks: Nothing much going on.

County Park: (Hawthorn) Has been mulched. Will add more after Thanksgiving.

Christmas in the Park: Peggy Harlan, chairperson, states they will be working the Friday after Thanksgiving putting up the decorations. They will be buying new LED lights. The Master Gardeners will be selling tickets for train ride on December

16<sup>th</sup> and also hot chocolate. Help will be needed for this. If you can help please contact Peggy.

Spring Seminar "Gardener's Gathering" is March 9, 2013 at Ivy Tech Auditorium. Paula Wilson needs names of sponsors and vendors. Your place of work is a good place to start.

Old Business: Yvonne Russell is now doing our website.

Jim and Ella Luzar received gift cards from the Master Gardeners.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Announcements: Purdue Tour of Renaissance Gardens of Italy is now on Purdue's website. It is June 4-16, 2013. Enrollment is now open to Master Gardeners plus one guest, then to Purdue Alums, then to M.G's from other states until full.

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Motion to adjourn:  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour volunteer time.

Minutes of the November 13 Planning and scheduling session:

The education program began at 6:30pm with Jack Daniel, a local chef, who spoke on cooking with herbs.  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour of education time was credited to the 30 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:15pm by President Larry Agee.

Vice President, Sam Liggett turned the selection of our next guest speaker over to Bob Archer, vice President for 2013. There will be no speaker at our next meeting (December).

Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hutton accepted approved minutes as they appeared in the Gazette.

Corresponding Secretary, Verna Gaskin will forward a gazette copy to one member who did not receive it via email this month.

Treasurer, John Hilderbrand was not available for a report.

Service Coordinator, Cyd Hunter, reported that badges for September were ordered and should be in by December meeting. Anita Criss and Annette Benefiel have received their certification. Congratulations, ladies!

Garden reports: Christmas in the Park will have a set up workday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, beginning at 9am at the Fairgrounds to transport items to the Ozok Shelter at 10am in Deming Park. Workday on stringing lights on the shelter will be on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Judging takes place on December 10. Our organizations train ride sales night is December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Hot cocoa will also be sold by our members who may contact Peggy Harlan to sign up as **help**.

City Parks and Recreation Board will meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Roger Tonsfeldt needs to have budgets for the beds submitted now.

Kathleen Hutton reported the Butterfly Garden request for new chairperson/s has received response from 3 members. She will help with the transition in the spring and assist the new bed keepers with a legend and with bed clean up. A late winter planning meeting will be announced.

The Giving Garden has been put to bed with a final weight of 11, 265 pounds of food distributed to local food banks and charities. Congratulations to successful endeavors of the committee under the guidance of chairpersons Phil Small and Bob Archer. Next year's committee co-chairpersons are Kate Michaw and Greg Fields.

The Spring Seminar Committee chairperson, Brenda Kirchner, reported all four guest speakers are in place for their presentations at the Oakley Auditorium at Ivy Tech College. Vendors are needed, with their fees of \$20. Corporate Sponsors are needed...contact Paula Wilson to send our formal letterhead request to them. A Booklet Page cost is \$150; ½ Page cost is \$50; ¼ to 1/3 of a Page is \$40.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Luzar spoke on a Food Hub project for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon in the Women's Building at the Fairgrounds.

A staff member of ISU faculty, Jennifer Latimer is seeking an individual to attend a seminar on Safe Urban Gardening. The primary goal is to learn soil testing and be available, through grant funding, to offer free soil sampling. There has been no soil sampling through Purdue Extension Office since 1991. Contact Larry Agee if you would be interested in this project.

The Valley Viewer Date for featuring our organization needs to be reserved during November for Spring and Fall coverage. Criteria in the past have been 6 photos and less than 500 words. Discussion led to considering two dates, one prior to

the seminar. That would make our request dates for February 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. Larry will submit these dates for their consideration. The next class sessions for Master Gardener Training will begin February 5<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon and ending at 3pm, with the cost of class being \$85. Scholarship inquiry is available through the Purdue Extension Office. Carol Swearingen will coordinate facilitators to assist Jim Luzar with non-teaching duties at each class session. December 4 is the next planning and sharing meeting. It will follow a carry in of snacks and treats in celebration of the holiday season. It will begin @ 6pm in the 4-H Building.

Larry's announcements were as follows:

1. Purdue Tour of Renaissance Gardens of Italy, June 4 – 16, 2013.  
Enrollment opens November 1, 2012.
2. New member Kayla Holscher transferred from Crawford County Illinois MG.
3. Get to know your Extension Educators:
  - A. Julie Hart, Extension Director, Economic & community Development.
  - B. Jim Luzar, MG Educator; Agriculture & Natural Resources Development; Ivy Tech Partnership coordinator.
  - C. Krista Farthing and Sarah Gaughan, 4-H Youth Development.
  - D. Katarina Walker, Health & Human Science, Dietician

Bob Archer moved the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded and President Larry Agee adjourned after  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour of volunteer time for those in attendance.

This is it for November meetings.

December Gazette will be out shortly.